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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Original) An article comprising:
- a heat spreader including a die side and a heat-sink side; and
- a container barrier disposed on the heat spreader die side, wherein the container barrier and the heat spreader form a recess upon the die side.
 - 2. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and

optionally a first plug disposed in the first channel.

- 3. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side;

optionally a first plug disposed in the channel;

a second channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and

optionally a second plug disposed in the second channel.

- 4. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a first channel through the container barrier; and
- a first plug disposed in the first channel, wherein the plug is gas-permeable and liquid-impermeable.
- 5. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:
 - a first channel through the container barrier;

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a first plug disposed in the first channel, wherein the first plug is gas-permeable

and liquid-impermeable;

a second channel through the container barrier to communicate from the die side

to the heat-sink side; and

a second plug disposed in the second channel, wherein the second plug is gas-

permeable and liquid-impermeable.

6. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the container barrier is selected

from a solder, a leaded solder, a lead-free solder, a reactive solder, an indium material, a tin

material, a silver material, a tin-silver material, a tin-silver-indium material, and combinations

thereof.

7. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the container barrier is selected

from a metal; a polymer-solder hybrid; a polymer matrix and a metal preform; and a polymer

matrix, a metal preform, and a middle heat transfer structure disposed therebetween.

8. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:

a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess.

9. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:

a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess, wherein the liquid heat-

transfer medium is selected from an organic composition, a metal, and combinations

thereof.

10. (Original) A package comprising:

a heat spreader including a die side and a heat-sink side;

a container barrier disposed on the heat spreader die side, wherein the container

barrier and the heat spreader forms a recess upon the die side; and

a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess.

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11. (Original) The package of claim 10, wherein the heat spreader is selected from a heat slug, a heat pipe, and an integrated heat spreader.

- 12. (Original) The package of claim 10, wherein the die side of the heat spreader includes a convoluted interface with the liquid heat-transfer medium.
 - 13. (Original) The package of claim 10, further including:
- a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and optionally
 - a first plug disposed in the first channel.
 - 14. (Original) The package of claim 10, further including:
- a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side;

optionally a first plug disposed in the first channel;

a second channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side;

optionally a second plug disposed in the second channel.

- 15. (Original) The package of claim 10, further including: a first channel through the container barrier; optionally a first plug disposed in the first channel.
- 16. (Original) The package of claim 10, further including: a first channel through the container barrier; optionally a first plug disposed in the first channel; a second channel through the container barrier; and optionally a second plug disposed in the second channel.

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> The package of claim 10, further including: 17. (Original) a die in contact with the liquid heat transfer medium.

- 18. The package of claim 10, further including: (Original) a die in contact with the liquid heat transfer medium; and a mounting substrate coupled to the die.
- 19. (Withdrawn) A process comprising:

forming a container barrier upon a heat sink substrate to achieve a recess, the recess including:

a recess wall including the container barrier; and a recess base including the heat sink.

- 20. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 19, wherein forming the container barrier upon the heat sink is cold forming, selected from rolling, pressing, stamping, and combinations thereof.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 19, wherein forming the container barrier upon the heat sink includes assembling a polymer-solder hybrid container barrier.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 19, further including: disposing a liquid heat transfer medium in the recess.
 - 23. (Withdrawn) A process comprising:

forming a container barrier upon a die to achieve a recess, the die including an active surface and a backside surface, and the recess including:

> a recess wall including the container barrier; and a recess base including the die backside surface.

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- 24. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 23, wherein forming the container barrier upon a die includes assembling a polymer-solder hybrid container barrier.
- 25. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 23, further including: assembling the container barrier upon a heat sink.
- 26. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 23, further including: disposing a liquid heat transfer medium in the recess.
- 27. (Currently Amended) A computing system comprising:
- a heat spreader including a die side and a heat-sink side;
- a container barrier disposed on the heat spreader die side, wherein the container barrier and the heat spreader form a recess upon the die side;
 - a die in contact with the container barrier;
 - a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess; and
 - at least one of an input device and an output device coupled to the die; and dynamic random access data storage coupled to the die.
- 28. (Original) The computing system according to claim 27, wherein the computing system is disposed in one of a computer, a wireless communicator, a handheld device, an automobile, a locomotive, an aircraft, a watercraft, and a spacecraft.
- 29. (Original) The computing system according to claim 27, wherein the die is selected from a data storage device, a digital signal processor, a micro-controller, an application specific integrated circuit, and a microprocessor.